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January 9, 2015

Dear Community Member:

The Mercer County Commission on Abused, Neglected and Missing Children and the Cherish the Children Foundation are proud to announce the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Cherish the Children Awards acknowledging outstanding service to youth in Mercer County.

**Three categories of awards will be distributed to volunteers who work with youth in Mercer County:**

- **Administrative:** A volunteer such as a board or advisory member who actively participates in the administration of an agency
- **Program:** A volunteer who works directly with agency clients
- **Organization:** A volunteer who donates services, organized or sponsored an event, or otherwise demonstrated support for an agency

**One award will be presented to a (paid) Professional:**

- Who works on behalf of children in Mercer County and exemplifies a commitment to enhancing the quality of life of Mercer County children;
- Whose work goes above and beyond the bounds of the workday; and dedication and commitment is an inspiration to colleagues.

The Cherish the Children Foundation, which generates private resources to support the commission's activities, will present monetary awards to the agencies that nominated winning volunteers. Agencies that have won in prior years are eligible to nominate volunteers.

In addition, the Mercer County Youth Services Commission again will honor Mercer County high school students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving the Mercer County community and whose dedication can serve as an inspiration to others.

Please use the enclosed nomination forms to nominate a volunteer, professional or high school student. Please use one form per nomination. Nominations are due by **Feb. 6, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. with no exceptions.**

The awards will be presented at a dinner banquet to be held **April 29, 2015** during Child Abuse Prevention Month. Invitations will be mailed separately.

If you have any questions regarding the forms, please contact Yolanda León at 609-989-6966.

Thank you,

Marygrace Billek  
Director, Mercer County Department of Human Services





Brian M. Hughes  
Mercer County Executive

## 2015 Cherish the Children Volunteer Awards Nomination Form

The purpose of the Cherish the Children Volunteer Awards is to acknowledge the contributions of currently active volunteers who donate their time to better the lives of Mercer County youth.

Please feel free to nominate an outstanding volunteer in any of the three volunteer categories (*administration, program, or organization*), but please only use one form per nominee.

*Please print or type information.*

For which category are you nominating this nominee?

Administration \_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_

Nominee's name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating organization \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's position with agency \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating organization address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating organization phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Title of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Please use additional pages to provide the following information on your nominee:

1. His or her history of involvement with the agency.
2. Brief biographical sketch of nominee.

**Please return the nomination form and biography no later than Friday, February 6 to the Mercer County Commission on Abused, Neglected and Missing Children at 640 S. Broad St., P.O. Box 8068, Trenton, N.J. 08650-0068. Fax them to 609-989-6032 (Attention: Yolanda León) or email to [yleon@mercercounty.org](mailto:yleon@mercercounty.org) .**

**All nominators will be notified of decisions in the beginning of April.**





Brian M. Hughes  
Mercer County Executive

## 2015 Cherish the Children Professional Award Nomination Form

The purpose of the Cherish the Children Professional Award is to acknowledge the contributions of a paid professional (i.e. teacher, case manager, police officer, etc.) in Mercer County who exemplifies a commitment to enhancing the quality of life of Mercer County youth and serves an inspiration to colleagues.

*Please print or type information.*

Nominee's name

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Nominee's address

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Nominee's phone number

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Nominating organization

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Nominee's position with agency

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Nominating organization address

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Nominating organization phone number

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Name of nominator

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Title of nominator

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Signature of nominator

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Please use additional pages to provide the following information on your nominee:

3. His or her history of involvement with the agency.
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